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### **SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vince Shier on January 31, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 7, line 1, "6" has been deleted and "5" has been inserted therefor.

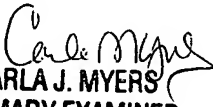
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